problems in launching a new scheme. The progress of implementation of the Scheme is monitored regularly.

Findings of Gobind Narayan Committee about AIIMS

2333. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Govind Narayan Enquiry Committee conducted an enquiry into the functioning of cardic Thoracic and vascular Surgery Departments of AIIMS and submitted a report to Government;

(b) if so, what are the findings/recommendations of the said committee; and

(c) whether Government have taken any action on the findings/recommendations of the said committee, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The recommendations of the Govind Narayan Committee are under consideration.

Setting up a Medical College in Orissa

2334. SHRIMATI ILA PANDA. Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are proposing to set-up another Medical College in Orissa; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Popularising Indian systems of Medicines

2335. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken to popularise the Indian system of medicines; and

(b) what is the amount earmarked for its research etc. during the Eighth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Various measures including setting up of Research Councils for ISM and H, National Institute of Ayurveda, Rashtriya Ayurveda Vidyapeeth etc. have been taken to encourage research and development of these systems.

(b) During the VIII Plan, Rs. 23.00 crores have been earmarked for Research Councils of Indian Systems of Medicine.

Research in Ayurveda

2336. SHRI O. P. KOHLI; Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in the Hindustan Times dated 23rd February 1994 captioned "Ayurveda to help US Olympic team";

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether Government propose to encourage further research in the ancient Ayurvedic System of Medicine in the country to explore and popularise its latent potentialities particularly in the Indian climatic conditions; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The National Health Policy envisages development of each of the Indian Systems of Medicine according to its genius. Research activities are encouraged in Ayurveda in accordance with this policy.